

the special training requirements shall be given 24 months to meet the minimum qualification standards.

4401.603-3 Appointment.

Except for disaster-related activities and unusual circumstances as determined by the head of the contracting activity, it is policy to delegate contracting officer authority to individuals rather than to positions. The head of the contracting activity is the appointing authority. Except where the delegation of authority specifically includes the authority for further redelegation, no other delegations or redelegations may be made. Delegations of contracting officer authority shall include a clear statement of such authority and its responsibilities and limitations.

Subpart 4401.7—Determinations and Findings

4401.707-70 Signature authority.

The head of the contracting activity shall sign all class Determination and Findings (D & F's) not otherwise reserved to the agency head.

Subpart 4401.70—Procurement Contracts Versus Assistance Instruments

4401.7000 Scope of subpart.

This subpart describes the situations appropriate for the use of procurement contracts, grants, or cooperative agreements and provides examples of each.

4401.7001 Procurement contracts.

4401.7000-1 Situations for use.

Procurement contracts are to be used whenever the principal purpose of the instrument is acquisition by purchase, lease, or barter of property or services for the direct benefit or use of the Federal Government.

4401.7001-2 Examples.

Procurement contracts normally will be used when the principal purpose of the relationship is:

(a) Evaluation (including research if an evaluation character) of the performance of Government program,

projects, or grantee activity initiated by FEMA.

(b) Projects funded by administrative funds.

(c) Technical assistance rendered on behalf of the Government to any third party including those receiving grants or cooperative agreements.

(d) Surveys, studies, and research which provide specific information desired by the Government for its direct activities or for dissemination to the public.

(e) Consulting or professional services of all kinds if provided to the Government or, on behalf of the Government, to any third party.

(f) Planning for Government use.

(g) Conferences conducted in behalf of the Government.

(h) Production of publications or audiovisual materials required primarily for the conduct of the direct operations of the Government.

(i) Design or development of items for Government use or pursuant to agency definition or specifications.

(j) Generation of management information or other data for Government use.

4401.7002 Assistance.

Assistance may take the form of either grants or cooperative agreements and include:

(a) General financial assistance (stimulation or support) to eligible recipients under specific legislation authorizing such assistance.

(b) Financial assistance (stimulation or support) to a specific program activity eligible for such assistance under specific legislation authorizing such assistance.

4401.7002-1 Grants.

Grants are to be used whenever the principal purpose of the relationship is to transfer money, property, services, or anything else of value to a recipient to accomplish a public purpose. The support or stimulation to be accomplished by this transfer must be authorized by Federal statute and substantial involvement is not anticipated.